

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

DARREN M. DUMONT,)	
)	
Plaintiff)	
)	
v.)	
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant)	
)	

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 04-12307DPW

CERTIFICATION

As required by Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), we hereby affirm that we have conferred concerning the costs of conducting the full course -- and various alternative courses -- of this litigation, and to consider the resolution of this litigation through the use of an alternative dispute resolution program.

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